

## G 4.3 CHANGES CAUSED BY SEASONS



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Let us understand how seasons are different in other countries.

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#### A. Different Climates

1. **MALTA and the Mediterranean Countries:** Here the climate is warm and dry in summer but cold and wet in winter.



2. **The United Kingdom (England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland):** Though Malta and the United Kingdom both form part of Europe, it is a known fact that it rains much more in the United Kingdom and that the weather there is much colder than it is in Malta. During summer, the air in the United Kingdom is cold and it rains a lot. In winter it is very cold and it snows heavily.

3. **Egypt:** In the southern part of Egypt there is a lot of desert. The Sahara Desert makes up a huge part of the African continent. The climate here is very warm and very dry. Although it hardly ever rains, we still find a number of animals which have learned to adapt and live here. Examples of these are camels



and snakes. A lot of people make a living by looking after large flocks of sheep and goats. These people are known as nomads because they are always moving from one place to another. They live in tents and look for oasis where there is water and grass for their flocks. In other parts of Africa it rains more and so there are large ponds and more vegetation. Here we find other animals like elephants, zebras and giraffes.



4. **SOUTH AMERICA - BRAZIL:** In South America, in the countries which are near the equator, it rains a lot. However, it is also very warm all year round. Here we can find the largest forest in the world. Many wild animals live in this forest.

5. **THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:** Here we find a large mountain range known as *The Rocky Mountains*. These mountains go as far as Canada. Here it is very windy and cold. When the snow starts melting,



the eagles make their nests in this habitat.

## 6. THE NORTH AND SOUTH POLE:

These extremely cold regions are covered in snow throughout the whole year. In spite of the very harsh, cold environment we still find Eskimos living here. Polar bears live in the North Pole whilst penguins live in the South Pole.



7. **CHINA:** In China we find the extremely cold Himalayan Mountains. In other parts of China there are large forests where the weather is very warm and it rains a lot.

8. **INDIA:** In India the climate alternates between six whole months of rain and six months of drought.

Often, because of the drought, many animals die.



9. **RUSSIA:** In Russia, which is a very large country, we find a lot of mountains. The climate in Russia is often extreme, that is, it is either very cold or very hot.

In Siberia (part of Russia) the temperature sometimes goes down to 70 degrees below zero. In summer, on the other hand, it can go up to 40 degrees.



10. **Australia:** Here we find many regions where the climate is a lot like ours. However, here, Christmas is celebrated during the warm summer season.

In Australia we also find desert areas.

